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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4736

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TAGS: SHUM, SREF, PINT, RP, MY
SUBJECT: FILIPINO ASYLUM SEEKER (PLANAS, CHARITO)

REF: A) STATE 134029, B) KUALA LUMPUR 4292, C) MANILA 8639,
D) KUALA LUMPUR 4623, E) STATE 131788

1. LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 25, PHILIPPINE
MILITARY ATTACHE COL. ISMAEL "MIKE" MUSICO INVITED
EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE TO MEET HIM FOR DRINKS AT A
LOCAL HOTEL. MUSICO HANDED OVER A PHOTOGRAPH (AP-
ARENTLY A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING) WITH THE NAME BELOW
"CHARITA PLANAS." MUSICO WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT
MISS PLANAS, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY
IN THE PAST ELECTIONS, HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER HOUSE
ARREST WHEN HER HOME WAS RAIDED AND FIREARMS AND
EXPLOSIVES FOUND. ON MAY 25 HIS GOVERNMENT CONTACTED
HIM BY PHONE TO SAY THAT SHE HAD LEFT HER HOME AND
APPARENTLY HAS FLED THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO THE
GOP SOURCES, SHE IS HEADED FOR KUALA LUMPUR, WITH
THE INTENTION OF SEEKING A US VISA AND SEEKING
ASYLUM IN THE US. AT THIS POINT, THE GOP HAS
TASKED HIM (MUSICO) TO DETERMINE IF SHE REALLY
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IS IN KUALA LUMPUR AND IF SHE IS TRYING TO GET AN
AMERICAN PASSPORT.

2. MUSICO REQUESTED AIR ATTACHE ASSIST HIM IN
THIS MATTER BY INFORMING OUR CONSULAR SECTION TO
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THIS WOMAN WHO WILL BE
TRAVELLING WITH A PHILIPPINE PASSPORT (NOT DIPLOMATIC

OR ANYTHING SPECIAL) AND WHO MAY BE USING AN ASSUMED NAME. HE SUGGESTED THAT SINCE SHE IS A FUGITIVE FROM THE LAW, AN ILLEGAL EMIGRANT AND ALSO AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT, THAT WE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPINES.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE WAS UNAWARE OF BACKGROUND OF THIS CASE AND ONLY COMMITMENT HE MADE TO MUSICO WAS THAT HE WOULD CHECK INTO THE MATTER. IT STRIKES US AN UNUSUAL THAT APPROACH BY PHILIPINOS WOULD BE MADE THROUGH MILITARY RATHER THAN CIVILIAN EMBASSY CHANNELS.

4. AS OF 0830 THIS MORNING (MAY 26) WE ARE AWAITING CALL FROM MS. PLANAS.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO MUSICO AS WELL AS POSSIBLE PRESS QUERIES.

6. WE ARE REPEATING REFERENCED KUALA LUMPUR MESSAGES TO MANILA FOR INFO.
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